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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SURVEY OF U.S.S. PUEBLO CLASSIFIED  
EQUIPMENTS AND MATERIALS UPON RECOVERY.

1. THE EXPOSURE & POTENTIAL COMPROMISE OF THE  
CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENTS, SYSTEMS, & SIGINT MATERIALS  
HELD BY THE U.S.S. PUEBLO IS OF UTMOST CONCERN TO THIS  
AGENCY. WHILE COMPLETE COMPROMISE MUST BE ASSUMED AT  
THIS POINT IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER INFORMATION, BELIEVE  
IT ESSENTIAL THAT MOST EXPERT TECHNICAL PHYSICAL  
EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS BE UNDERTAKEN AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECOVERY OF SHIP IF SUCH OCCURS.  
IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS EVENTUALITY REQUEST ACTION BE  
TAKEN TO INSURE THAT SENSITIVE SHIP COMPARTMENTS  
PARTICULARLY THOSE HOLDING CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENTS &

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THOSE IN WHICH SIGINT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED, ARE SECURED TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE SO THAT ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIALS RECOVERED ARE POSITIVELY ISOLATED IN THE POSITION & CONDITION IN WHICH FOUND WHEN SHIP RETURNED TO US CUSTODY.

2. ~~US CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENTS, MATERIALS AND SIGINT~~

~~TECHNICAL INFORMATION PLACED ABOARD THE SHIP ARE ALMOST~~

~~ENTIRELY PRODUCTS OF EXTENSIVE NSA DEVELOPMENT AND~~

~~UNKNOWN~~ [REDACTED] IN VIEW OF THE ADVERSE

IMPACT OF THE PROBABLE COMPROMISE ON NATIONAL SIGINT OPERATIONS, TRANSCENDING INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT AGENCY INTEREST, IT IS REQUESTED THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO PERMIT TECHNICAL SURVEY BY A TEAM OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL OF THIS AGENCY AT THE FIRST PORT OF CALL.

3. NOTHING IN THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH ACTIVITIES ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATION AND SAFETY OF THE SHIP DURING ITS RETURN VOYAGE.

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4. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT  
QUALIFIED NSA TECHNICANS BE AFFORDED THE EARLIEST  
OPPORTUNITY TO INTERROGATE ALL REPATRIATED U.S.S. PUEBLO  
SIGINT PERSONNEL AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CREW AS  
NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO GAIN AS MUCH INSIGHT AS POSSIBLE  
REGARDING THE ACTUAL DISPOSITION OF THE CLASSIFIED  
EQUIPMENTS AND MATERIALS HELD ABOARD THE SHIP AT THE  
TIME OF THE INCIDENT. REQUEST ADVISE OF THIS AND

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